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In re application of: **Mitsuzou NOGAMI et al.**

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For: **NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, METHOD OF PRODUCING NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by substituting the attached substitute sheets (numbered 49 to 54 and 54/1) for original pages 49 to 54 of the application.

REMARKS

The substitute sheets incorporate into the application the amendments presented by the Applicant under PCT Article 19 during the international stage. Early and favorable action is awaited.